Sangathan to introduce this practice;

(a) the details of deputationist principals of Navodaya Vidyalayas as on date; and

(b) whether NVs is considering appointment of its senior PGTs[7] Vice-principals as Principals on-deputation, in NVs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERM A): (a) The Recruitment Rules permit Post Graduate Teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas to be taken on deputation as Principals, During 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, 88 and 91 candidates have joined as Principals on deputation basis respectively.

(a) As per the provisions of the Recruitment Rules, if suitable candidates are not available as per the normal selection procedure, the vacancies can be filled up on deputation basis from amongst employees of Govt, of India/State Govt. Autonomous Organisations including Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Central Board of Secondary Education affiliated +2 schools provided that the candidate fulfils all the qualification prescribed for direct recruits. This system enables the Sangathan to ensure that the schools do not go without Principals because of non-availability of suitable candidates from different categories.

(b) As on date 28 Principals in NVS 4re on deputation.

(c) No; Sir.

Drug abuse in Delhi University and JNU

670. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing use of drugs in the Delhi University Campus and in the JNU;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any assessment of the problem;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what measures have been taken by Government to check it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERM A): (a) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi and Jawaharlal Nehru University no case of drug abuse on the campuses of these Universities has been reported during the recent past.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Early morning timings of Kendriya Vidyalayas

671. DR. SWAMI SAKSHI JI MAHARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(c) whether it is **a** fact that the timings of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Delhi Region were changed to 7.30 A.M., a few months back;

(d) whether various teachers residing at distant places have to leave for schools very early in the morning in darkness, which is highly unsafe, particularly for female teachers as they can become easy targets of criminals in duskiness; if so, whether Government propose to change the morning timings of Kendriya Vidyalayas, in view of the Winter season; and

(e) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) School timings have been advanced to 7.30 A.M. in order to give sufficient time to children to pursue their study in the afternoon.

(b) and (c) School timings of Kendriya Vidyalayas have been changed to bring them at par with most public schools of Delhi which have been having these timings for very long because they have considered it to be most suitable for the education of school children.